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Applicant : Douglas U. Mennie  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
ELECTION REQUIREMENT OF DECEMBER 8, 2003**

Dear Commissioner:

This amendment and election is in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2003, for which the one-month date for reply is January 8, 2004. This reply is being submitted after the one-month deadline. Applicant therefore petitions for a one-month extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims 29-34, 40, 47-61 and 68, which the office action categorizes as Invention I ("Claims 29-34, 40, 47-61 and 68, drawn to currency evaluation with means for flagging a bill"). Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 44 of this paper.

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